

REMARKS

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the claims of the application into nine (9) different groups, as detailed at pages 2-3 of the Restriction Requirement. In response, Applicants elect Group II, claims 11, 12, and 16, drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:161, with traverse. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of the claims of at least Groups II, IV, VIII, and IX, drawn to a polypeptide and methods of using the same, and Groups III and VI, drawn to an antibody that selectively binds to such a polypeptide and a method of using the same, does not present an undue burden to the examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of the process claims, as detailed by the Examiner at pages 8-9 of the Office Action.

II. Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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